

**Amendments to the Specification**

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Brief Description of Drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic representation of vessels for freeze drying according to the process of the present invention;

Figure 2 illustrates how the vessels are immersed in a cooling bath according to the invention;

Figure 3 illustrates another arrangement of the cooling vessels according to the invention;

Figure 4 illustrates an arrangement of vessels with double-wall jackets according to the invention, and

Figure 5 shows a top view of the vessels illustrated in Figure 4.

Detailed Description of Invention